



## DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

### Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program (VEIP)

#### STUDENT EMISSIONS REPAIR ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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**Failed your VEIP test? Need assistance  
for repairs?**



The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) in cooperation with Montgomery College will provide repair assistance to qualified students in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties who have failed a biennial VEIP test. Qualified students may receive assistance with emissions related repairs for their vehicles.\*

This Student Emissions Repair Assistance (SERA) program is offered to *registered* high school and college students in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties. The program will run from September 2008 through May 2009. An allowance up to \$450 for repairs, conducted by Montgomery College, will be available to students accepted into the program. If accepted, the applicant must contact Montgomery College to schedule an appointment for emissions repairs.

#### The Goals of the Student Emissions Repair Assistance Program are to:

- Educate high school and college students in Montgomery County and Prince George's County on the importance of vehicle maintenance.
- Provide the opportunity for timely emissions related repairs that result in reduced air emissions and protection of air quality.
- Provide assistance for emissions related repairs.
- Reduce emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and nitrogen oxides in the Maryland ozone non-attainment areas.

#### For More Information Contact:

Maryland Department of the Environment  
Mobile Sources Control Program, Suite 705  
**Attn: Ayanna Miranda**  
1800 Washington Blvd  
Baltimore, MD 21230-1720  
(410) 537-3270 or (800) 638-8347 Ext. 3270

Para obtener una solicitud en español, llámenos a **MDE** a (800) 638-8347.

\*Employees of MVA, MDE, and ESP and their family members are not eligible to participate in the SERA program.

## Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program

Maryland's Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program (VEIP) is an important component of the State's plan to improve air quality. By requiring inspection of vehicle emissions systems every two years and repair of vehicles that fail to meet emissions standards, VEIP significantly reduces vehicle emissions that contribute to Maryland's air quality problem of ground-level ozone.



Maryland's VEIP is working. By having your vehicle tested, you are playing an important part in Maryland's successful and ongoing efforts to create a healthier Maryland. Along with cleaner fuels and vehicles, VEIP has significantly reduced Maryland's carbon monoxide pollution problems. However, we continue to have a problem with ground-level ozone, a major component of smog.

### **MOTOR VEHICLES - part of the air quality pollution problem -**

In **Maryland**, about **1/3** of all ozone air pollution comes from on-road vehicle emissions. You can help make a real contribution to clean air by proper driving and maintenance of your vehicle.

### **What can you do to reduce vehicle emissions?**

#### **TIRES**

##### **Keep tires properly inflated and maintained:**

- ✓ Both underinflation and overinflation can cause more frequent tire failure.
- ✓ Tire pressure drops 1 psi for every 10° drop in temperature.
- ✓ A 10% underinflation of all four tires may decrease gas mileage by 10%.
- ✓ Keep wheels properly aligned.

#### **OIL CHANGE**

##### **Keep up with preventive maintenance:**

- ✓ Change oil every six months or 6,000 miles under normal use.
- ✓ Change oil every three months or 3,000 miles under severe use.

### **Four good reasons to perform preventive maintenance on your vehicle**

1. A well maintained vehicle saves you hundreds of dollars each year by avoiding major repairs.
2. A well maintained vehicle helps to protect you and your family because it is safer to drive.
3. A well maintained vehicle with 50,000 miles on it only pollutes 40% as much as the same vehicle when poorly maintained.
4. A well maintained vehicle is less likely to breakdown on the highway.

### **START NOW by taking this action:**

- Maintain your car properly by following the guidance in your vehicle owner's manual.
- Seek regular maintenance by a skilled technician. Check tire pressure and wear regularly.
- Periodically replace air filters, belts, coolant hoses, fluids, oil and oil filters.
- Pay attention to your vehicle's warning lights. They can tell you when there are problems.
- Consider having your vehicle repairs performed at a facility that participates in Maryland's voluntary Certified Emissions Repair Facility (CERF) program.
- Drive wisely...**combine errands and reduce trips.**

For more information about motor vehicles and air pollution, call (800) 633-6101 ext. 3270 or (410) 537-3270.

**Maryland Department of the Environment**

Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program

**Student Emissions Repair Assistance Program**

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Date Received: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Application Number: **101**

Approve: \_\_\_\_ Disapprove: \_\_\_\_

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL APPLICATION TO:**

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1800 Washington Blvd  
Baltimore, MD 21230-1720

This application must be submitted with the supporting documents stated below. Any application submitted without all supporting documents will not to be considered. You must meet all qualifications to be considered for the program.

**SECTION 1 - APPLICANT INFORMATION** (Include a copy of Vehicle Registration.)

Last Name		First Name		M.I.	
Address		City	County	State	Zip Code
Home Phone:		Cell Phone:			

**SECTION 2 - REGISTERED VEHICLE OWNER INFORMATION** (Include a copy of Vehicle Registration.)

Last Name		First Name		M.I.	
Address		City	County	State	Zip Code
Vehicle Tag Number:					

**SECTION 3 - JOINT REGISTERED VEHICLE OWNER INFORMATION**

Last Name		First Name		M.I.	
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**SECTION 4 - SCHOOL REGISTRATION INFORMATION** (Include a copy of Current Registration.)

<b>Currently Enrolled in:</b>		College ____ High School ____			
School Name					
Address		City	County	State	Zip Code

**REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION TO INCLUDE WITH APPLICATION:**

- Copy of Current High School or College Registration Documentation
- Copy of Current Vehicle Registration to verify Vehicle Owner, Co/Owner, and County of Registration
- Copy of Failed VEIP test Documentation - Vehicle Emissions Inspection Certificate (VEIC)

**SECTION 5 - APPLICANT SIGNATURE**

I acknowledge that the information provided on this application will be used to assess and verify my eligibility for Student Emissions Repair Assistance Program. My signature gives consent for this information to be shared with other government agencies for verification purposes. I declare, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Maryland, that to the best of my knowledge, the information on this application is true and correct. I understand that submitting false information may keep me from being eligible to receive future assistance. I understand any repair costs above the \$450 allowance, that I authorize, will be my responsibility. I further understand and agree that if my vehicle does not meet all program requirements, it will not be permitted into the Student Emissions Repair Assistance Program. I release MDE from all liability that may arise from my participation in the SERA Program.

**Applicant's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**Co-Owner's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**Important Notes:** Please allow 3 weeks from the date your application is mailed for a written response. Your application must be approved before you can receive assistance. The \$450 of assistance will be available on a first come-first serve basis. Applicants will not receive money directly. Repair costs will be paid to Montgomery College. Repairs the owner authorizes to be performed, above the \$450 allowance, will be the responsibility of the owner. *\*Employees of MVA, MDE, and ESP and their family members are not eligible to participate in the SERA program.*

**MAIL APPLICATION AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO:**

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**Application Requirements:**

- Currently enrolled High School or College Student in Montgomery or Prince George's Counties
- **Student must be Vehicle Owner; A Co/Owner (if applicable) must sign the application**
- Copy of Failed VEIP test Documentation - Vehicle Emissions Inspection Certification (VEIC)
- Your vehicle must not have a "tampered" emissions-control system.
- Your vehicle must not be registered to a business, fleet, or non-profit organization.

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**How did you find out about the Student Emissions Repair Assistance Program?**

✓ *Check only one response*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> VEIP Station    | <input type="checkbox"/> Advertisement | <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="http://www.mde.state.md.us">www.mde.state.md.us</a> | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School Bulletin | <input type="checkbox"/> MVA           | <input type="checkbox"/> Friend/relative                                              |                                |

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